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SUBJECT: CANADIAN NATURAL GAS EXPORTS AND PIPELINE TREATY

1. JANUARY 11 FINANCIAL POST (FP) FRONT-PAGED HYMAN SOLOMON REPORT (WASHINGTON DATELINE) THAT U.S. AND CANADA MAY BE HEADED "FOR THEIR MOST SERIOUS CLASH EVER" OVER NATURAL GAS EXPORTS.

2. SOLOMON STATES THAT U.S. OFFICIAL TOLD FP THAT ANY GOC DECISION TO REDUCE GAS EXPORTS WOULD EVOKE TOUGHEST U.S. RESPONSE. SOLOMON THEN STATES THAT ALMOST CERTAIN REPERCUSSION WOULD BE U.S. REFUSAL TO ENTER INTO BILATERAL PIPELINE TRANSIT TREATY WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE U.S. FROM IMPOSING TRANSIT TAX ON CANADIAN PIPELINES AS ONE POSSIBLE RETALIATORY MEASURE. SOLOMON CLAIMS THAT U.S. STUDIES HAVE BEEN INITIATED ON OTHER RETALIATORY POSSIBILITIES AS WELL, SUCH AS AUTO PACT RENEGOTIATION AND REDUCTION IN COKING COAL EXPORTS.

3. SOLOMON NOTES THAT EVEN IF U.S. ADMINISTRATION WERE TO PROCEED WITH PIPELINE TREATY IN FACE OF POSSIBLE UNCLASSIFIED

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REDUCTION IN GAS EXPORTS, THE AGREEMENT COULD RUN INTO

"SERIOUS OBSTACLES FROM A SUSPICIOUS CONGRESS".

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